

To: Zell, Christopher[zell.christopher@epa.gov]
From: Kolosseus, Andrew (ECY)
Sent: Wed 1/4/2017 11:41:14 PM
Subject: RE: Deschutes
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Chris:

I briefed Rich today on the Deschutes work. Attached is the briefing paper I wrote to get him up to speed on the options. I also invited him to the meeting on the 10th, but I'm not sure if he'll be able to attend.

Andrew

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Cc: Mann, Laurie <mann.laurie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Deschutes

Hi Andrew,

Dan gave us a directive (and perhaps Heather did as well?) to meet again with the idea that we should narrow the list of items that our collective upper management must deliberate upon. I

would offer that we focus the agenda on identifying a path forward for DO, temp, and pH WQLS.

Thanks for a good chat this morning!

Thanks,

Chris

From: Kolosseus, Andrew (ECY) [<mailto:AKOL461@ECY.WA.GOV>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 5:03 PM
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Chris:

What exactly is the agenda? From your voice mail, it sounded like working through outstanding Deschutes issues, identify path(s) forward, and then have Dan and Heather make a run at a final decision. If this is the case, I don't think we need Helen or Melissa. They work on statewide issues at headquarters.

Just to make sure we're on the same page, here's where I think we left it. Back in October, we had identified a path forward (which I included below). After discussing it internally, Ecology was not prepared to withdraw the original submission (in red text) but was okay with everything else. You, me, and Laurie then suggested that Dan and Heather talk directly to each other about the withdrawal issue specifically. That conversation still needs to happen.

Assuming we're resurrecting previous materials, I don't think we need anyone else at the meeting from Ecology. Let me know if you have new ideas and we'll figure out who should

attend. Rich is my boss and works directly for Heather. We could have Rich there if we have something new or different to pitch.

Andrew

Ecology-EPA proposal on the Deschutes TMDL

We (Laurie Mann and Chris Zell @ EPA and Andrew @ Ecology) determined that Ecology's secondary option (Option 2) was the best option available.

Option 2 Details:

EPA approves a smaller subset of waters (13 of the original 31 beans) for the Deschutes TMDL. EPA approves the TMDL for:

- Temperature on the Deschutes River below river km 45 (downstream of Offutt Lake where the criterion is 17.5 degrees and above the natural condition)
- Fine sediment
- Bacteria^[1]

Process:

1. Take to Heather (through Rich, Melissa, and Helen) and Dan
2. Reach Ecology-EPA agreement on what we can approve
3. EPA does their work

4. Final steps:

- Through a letter from Heather, Ecology withdraw the non-approved listings and resubmits the listings above (note: it's a new letter but the same physical document, 15-10-012)

- Ecology adds the 17.5 deg C piece in the letter

- Ecology adds a bacteria piece[2]

...and one day/week/short-defined-amount-of-time later....

- EPA approves the remaining TMDLs

[1] Parameter specific notes:

- o Sediment: EPA wants to have a follow-up conversation with Helen, etc.

- o Bacteria: EPA wants some additional work on CFU/day; they are willing to pony-up to do it.[1]

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FYI, this means we do not end up with an EPA-approved TMDL for dissolved oxygen, upstream of Offut Lake temperature, and pH.

2 EPA needs additional modifications or addendums that calculate and distribute a load capacity in cfu/day to nonpoint and regulated point sources. EPA is willing to conduct the technical analysis with Ecology incorporating the material into the TMDL as appropriate (addendum, appendix, etc.).

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Hey folks,

I heard from Dave Croxton that he has interest in attending as well. There is some chance Dave can make this meeting time, or a slightly adjusted slot of 10 – noon. I will know more tomorrow.

Andrew, let me know if Helen or Melissa would also like to attend and if necessary we can find an alternate date to accommodate schedules. Thoughts?

Thank you



Chris

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Zell, Christopher

Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:49 AM

To: Zell, Christopher; Kolosseus, Andrew (ECY)

Cc: Mann, Laurie

Subject: Deschutes

When: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: Lacey, WA

Hey Andrew, please let me know if a better time works for you. Presently I plan to attend in person – Laurie may choose to call in ☺.

Hope you had a great holiday season!

-Chris

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